

Dear International Students,

With the goal of keeping the safety of our students and staff, and to maintain our international community up to date with the nuances of COVID-19, please read the below information with the most recent safety measures from [UCLA](#) for the 2022 winter quarter.

Extended remote instruction until January 28, 2022

On January 7, **UCLA has extended remote instruction through Friday, Jan. 28** for the current quarter due to COVID-19 trends and for necessary vaccine boosters and testing. In-person instruction should resume on Monday, Jan. 31. [Please read the full update.](#)

Vaccination Protocols

- **Vaccination and booster policy:** Boosters are required for students and employees. Students must upload proof to the Ashe [Patient Portal](#) **by Jan. 31** by clicking on the Medical Clearance tab.
- **Students must receive a COVID-19 vaccine booster within 30 days of being booster-eligible.**
 - If you received a Non-FDA authorized/approved WHO-listed COVID vaccine series (e.g. Covishield, Covaxin, Sinovac, Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Novavax), you should obtain a booster dose of Pfizer once a minimum of 5 months has elapsed after completing your primary series.
 - If you received all or some of the recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine primary series that is NOT listed for emergency use by WHO (e.g. Sputnik, CanSinoBIO, CHO Cell), we recommend a primary vaccination with 2-dose mRNA series (preferred) or a single Janssen dose, with an interval of not less than 28 days from receipt of the last dose of a non-FDA-approved/authorized vaccine. After completion of primary vaccination with an FDA-approved or FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine, you are considered fully vaccinated and are not recommended to receive an additional primary or booster dose at this time.
- **Do not wait until the last minute to schedule your vaccination** as appointment availability may be limited. To schedule a booster, go to www.vaccines.gov. The [Ashe Center](#) also has appointments for boosters.
- **If you recently tested positive for COVID-19**, UCLA is following CDC guidelines which recommend taking the booster vaccine once your symptoms have resolved and you've met the criteria to end isolation.

For further information on where to get vaccinated and receive boosters, please visit [The Ashe Center page](#). [The University of California's COVID-19 vaccination policy](#) requires students, faculty, staff, academic appointees, postdoctoral researchers, trainees, and others accessing

UC facilities or in-person UC programs to be fully vaccinated — with limited medical exemptions and accommodations.

Safety Protocols

- **Testing:** Regardless of vaccination status, returning students need to take COVID-19 tests at **three** different times:

Students who have already arrived on campus or in Westwood: All Students must follow testing protocols outlined in the [UCLA Dec. 21 message and FAQ](#).

Students who have not yet arrived on campus or Westwood: Upon arrival, students will need to follow these testing protocols:

- Take an at-home rapid antigen or PCR test from a provider of choice no more than 72 hours before arriving in Westwood and remain at home if positive.
 - Upon arriving in Westwood, take a test from a campus vending machine or distribution center.
 - Three to five days after arriving in Westwood, take another campus test.
 - Immediately isolate if a test result is positive.
- **Regular testing during the winter quarter:** Regardless of your vaccination status, you must test on campus at least once a week during the winter quarter (although twice a week is strongly recommended).

Students who have recently tested positive:

- You do not need to test weekly until it's been 90 days since your positive result.
 - Send an email to Exposuremanagementteam@ashe.ucla.edu with a copy of your positive test or a note from your clinician confirming when you tested positive. In the SUBJECT line write: "Positive test result on mm/dd/yyyy (date of test)".
- **Changes to Isolation/Quarantine Duration:** UCLA has revised the protocols regarding Isolation and quarantine duration. The revised guidance can be reviewed here with changes highlighted in the document: [Isolation and Quarantine Protocol \(PDF\)](#).
 - **New Masking Requirements for UCLA Students:** UCLA now requires upgraded face masks for students, faculty and staff. For information on procuring upgraded masks, please read the [new masking protocols](#) for details.

We encourage you to consult with your healthcare provider should you have further questions about COVID-19 vaccines. We are here to support our international community in getting back to campus safely in the winter quarter.

Visit our [Contact Us](#) page, for more ways to contact the Dashew Center.

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